

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) An analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch in the form of an aqueous poultice material containing 10 to 80 wt% water comprising, as active ingredients, benzocaine and an ingredient having a counter-irritation effect.

9. (Previously presented) The analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch according to claim 8, containing benzocaine in an amount of 0.5 to 20 wt%.

10. (Previously presented) The analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch according to claim 9, wherein the ingredient having a counter-irritation effect is at least one selected from the group consisting of l-menthol, dl-menthol, dl-camphor, d-camphor, methyl salicylate, glycol salicylate, mentha oil, eucalyptus oil, capsaicin, capsicum extract, and nonylic vanillylamide.

11. (Previously presented) The analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch according to claim 10, containing the ingredient having a counter-irritation effect in an amount of 0.01 to 30 wt% when it is one of l-menthol, dl-menthol, dl-camphor, d-camphor, methyl salicylate, glycol salicylate, mentha oil and eucalyptus oil, or in an amount of 0.001 to 5 wt% when it is one of capsaicin, one of capsicum extract and nonylic vanillylamide.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) An analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch comprising an aqueous poultice material containing 10 to 80 wt% water, 0.5 to 20 wt% of benzocaine, and at least one ingredient having a counter-irritation effect selected from the group consisting of l-menthol, dl-menthol, dl-camphor, d-camphor, methyl salicylate, glycol salicylate, mentha oil, eucalyptus oil, capsaicin, capsicum extract, and nonylic vanillylamide.

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A method of reducing irritation of the skin caused by a counter-irritant used in an analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch by using benzocaine as an active ingredient in the patch.

16. (New) A method of reducing pains, such as muscle pain, joint pain, lumbago, shoulder stiffness, fracture pain and other symptoms associated with pain, without unpleasant irritation when topically applied, by applying an analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch comprising an aqueous poultice material containing 10 to 80 wt% water, 0.5 to 20 wt% of benzocaine, and at least one ingredient having a counter-irritation effect selected from the group consisting of l-menthol, dl-menthol, dl-camphor, d-camphor, methyl salicylate, glycol salicylate, mentha oil, eucalyptus oil, capsaicin, capsicum extract, and nonylic vanillylamide.